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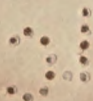
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WHEN all my
other debts are
paid
My greatest debt
will yet be due
For sacrifices you
have made
And cares that I
have brought to you.





I have been slow
to understand
The patience and
the love and pride
With which for my
sake you have
planned,
Your own ambitions
put aside.





WHEN others
have withheld
from me
The praise that I
have longed to hear,
You, Father, have been
quick to see
And glad to speak
the word of cheer.





WITH eager efforts
you have sought
To smooth my paths
and make them
fair,
Unselfishly expect-
ing naught
In payment for your
tender care.







I have been slow
to learn, but now,
With recollections
that are sweet,
I braid a laurel for
your brow
And lay my tribute
at your feet.



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